Scarcity of Good Renal Centres with Dialysis/Transplant Programme in Maharashtra

*157. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is scarcity of good renal centres with dialysis/transplant programme in the State of Maharashtra particularly in Nagpur and Vidarbha region of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to establish good renal centres in Maharashtra particularly in Nagpur and Vidarbha region of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Government of Maharashtra, there are 17 Kidney Centres in that State at present, where facility for kidney transplantation is available. The dialysis facility is available at 4 places in Nagpur city. However, there is no kidney transplantation centre in the Vidharba region as no hospital from that region has applied for this purpose to the appropriate authority.

(c) It has been decided by the Government of Maharashtra to start superspeciality services at 5 places at divisional headquarters of the State where dialysis facility and kidney transplantation will be made available to needy patients. Two such centres have recently been sanctioned at Nagpur and Nasik.

Credit Facilities to SSI by Nationalised Banks

*158. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nationalised banks slowed down credit facilities to small scale industries with the result that thousands of small scale industries have closed down in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to ease the condition of credit facilities for small scale industries by the banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No. Sir. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that credit to small scale industries (SSI) sector has almost continuously kept pace with the increase in net bank credit as would be observed from the following data:

(Rs. crore)

As on last Friday of	Net bank credit	Credit to SSI Sector	% of Credit to SSI Sector to net bank credit
March 1994	140714	21581	15.3%
March 1995	169038	25843	15.3%
March 1996	184391	29482	15.99%
September 1996	175291	28809	16.4%

(b) RBI has reported that based on the recommendations of the Nayak Committee it has simplified the procedure for providing credit to SSI units. All commercial banks have been instructed by RBI to sanction working capital limits of less than Rs. one crore to SSI units on the basis of 20% of their projected annual turnover. Banks have also been instructed to give preference to village industries, tiny industries and other small scale units in that order, while meeting the credit requirements of the SSI sector. RBI has also advised banks that all loan applications upto credit limit of Rs. 25,000/- should be disposed of within a fortnight and those over Rs. 25,000/- within 8-9 weeks.